

RUSSIA'S HOPE IN DE WITTE.

BANISHMENT OF GRAND DUKE SERGIUS A HOPEFUL SIGN.

Europe Eagerly Watching Development of the Internal Crisis—Treasurer over Russia's Note on Chinese Violations of Neutrality—Seeking Our Aid.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Jan. 14.—All eyes continue to be turned on Russia with increased eagerness and perplexity. One day we are told that a supreme effort of the dual cabal has changed the czar's decision to submit a solution of the crisis unreservedly to M. de Witte, and the next we hear that the great Finance Minister is really in complete control.

Unofficial advices from St. Petersburg have been hopelessly conflicting throughout the week. Official news tends to show that the czar is still trying to placate both parties in his hopelessly divided empire. One report had it that the czar's first decision under M. de Witte's advice was to grant a constitution in response to the zemstvo appeals and that the ukase had been written and sent to the printer. Then the Grand Duke Sergius arrived from Moscow and promptly fomented a riotous demonstration in that city. He urged this upon the czar as a reason for altering his decision. The czar again consulted M. de Witte, who gave way upon the question of the constitution. Thereupon Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky resigned as Minister of the Interior, and M. de Witte became the object of the hatred of the Liberals.

However that may be, to-day's official announcements show that the Grand Duke has lost considerable of his influence. The Grand Duke Sergius, former Governor of Moscow, has been sent to the Caucasus as Governor, and this virtual degradation of one of the blackest scoundrels in Russian public life is at least a hopeful sign.

The Sun's St. Petersburg correspondent is of the opinion that M. de Witte will be the controlling force in the Russian Administration during the immediate future. The correspondent writes, contrasting the situation now with that at the last Russian New Year. M. de Witte was counted a spent force a year ago. Since then the coalition of his enemies has gone down before him, man after man, by successive strokes of fate, and it has not been necessary for him to lift a hand. Admiral Alexiev has evaporated, M. de Plehve is the name of a dead system, and the failures of the war have bent the most arrogant of the czar's relatives enough to induce them to keep out of sight.

M. de Witte is left to contemplate the wreckage, not without grim satisfaction. What his unqualified primacy in the czar's councils will mean is sure only to the extent that he will resume the policy of economic development and endeavor to ally the constitutional reform agitation by an intelligent, honest, personal administration. Already he has placed M. Kuter, his former lieutenant in the Ministry of Finance, at the head of the Provincial Accounts Department of the Ministry of the Interior.

Racial and religious elements in the internal controversy should abate under M. de Witte, if only for the reason that he has no personal predilections for the Jew, the orthodox Russian, or the Roman Catholic, but only for his ability. His is the most difficult problem ever offered to statescraft. There are those who hold strongly that even M. de Witte will not ride the storm for long. The entire strength of the reform movement is striving for the end of paternalism and for the trial of a policy which will give the productive element of the country a share in the government.

Other St. Petersburg correspondents agree that M. de Witte's concessions will utterly fail to satisfy the Liberals, as when he is willing to grant concessions the other members of the committee of Ministers will veto the proposals. A curious instance occurred at the last sitting of the committee, when a bill was brought forward rendering the Ministers and other high dignitaries liable to be impeached for their public acts. The object of the bill was to carry out the czar's desire to see arbitrary rules replaced by the statute law. The scheme met with serious opposition and was finally thrown out. The Ministers and high dignitaries will therefore go scot free in the future, as in the past.

The fear of great internal events in Russia increases daily throughout Europe, and the diplomatic world contemplates the situation with the most serious misgivings. An ordinary observer scarcely realizes the worldwide effects of the disruption or paralysis of the Russian Empire.

The Spectator points out a few of these to-day. Such an event, it says, would, for example, leave Germany mistress of the continent. It might shatter the Austrian Empire, for the Slav majority would no longer have the fear of being buried in the Russian morass. It would intensify to a high degree the quarrel which is always smoldering between the Ottomans and the remnant of their Christian subjects, the result of which Europe already perceives in the new arrogance which the Divan is displaying in the Balkans. The Turkish Ministers have already appointed to high command in Macedonia officers whose one idea of order is to keep down recalcitrant subjects by massacre so wide as to suggest the intention of extermination.

French society would be shaken to its heart by the new isolation of Russia, and with it a fresh proximity to panic. Even Great Britain, though still encompassed by her inviolate sea, would feel the influence of a great change, for India would be as safe from invasion as herself, and, being safe, would be apt to indulge in dreams of large ambition.

Russia's crisis, therefore, is of greater concern to the world, outside of the American continent, than anything which the immediate future portends.

It must be borne in mind, however, that even the crash of revolution could not destroy Russia, nor would it be likely to deprive the Slav race of national unity more than temporarily.

The efforts of a section of the Continental press during the current week to revive the "Yellow Peril" scare have not met with much success. M. Kadoma's vast scheme for Japanese aggrandizement, whether genuine or apocryphal, deserves some attention, if only as an expression of the natural ambition which everybody expects Japan secretly to cherish. It is regarded as one of those plans which are constantly submitted to all Governments and usually pigeonholed. Gen. Kuropatkin's plan for the conquest of India was of the same nature.

Admiral Duhassett's blazing indiscretion in Paris attracted attention as the most stupendous blunder by a public man in recent years. His naive assumption that Japan will consent to any terms which would render it possible for Russia to resume the war when Russia is re-equipped.

CATARRH, A NATIONAL SCOURGE, PE-RU-NA, A NATIONAL NEED.



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JEALOUSY OF STOESSEL.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Jan. 14.—Letters from St. Petersburg show that there is already more than a strong tendency to deny that Gen. Stoessel is the hero that he was acclaimed before the surrender of Port Arthur. Especially is this so in Russian military circles, but representatives of all classes, officials, journalists, Liberals, Conservatives and bureaucrats combine in the general indictment.

Military men say that something more was possible—indeed indispensable—before the surrender. They even maintain that his official reports were untrue. On Dec. 28, Gen. Stoessel telegraphed: "The garrison is suffering from scurvy. Ten thousand are under arms, but all are ill."

The Japanese official accounts, however, show that they found 24,491 privates and non-commissioned officers, 6,500 marines and officers and other which brought up the total to 32,207 capable of fighting. Apart from the munitions exploded in the fortress these thirty odd thousand men still had over two million cartridges and other munitions of war with large supplies of food, flour and horses.

The total absence of any mention of Gen. Smirnov in Gen. Stoessel's despatches. The czar's friend, Prince Meshchersky, writes in the *Grashdanin*: "What can it mean that all through the siege among the heroes he mentions one name is lacking, which was honored within the walls of Port Arthur just as much as Stoessel's own name—Smirnov, the name of the commander of Port Arthur, of him who made a first class fortress out of mere rock. General Kondratichenko and Fock were similarly neglected. Russians declare that these three men deserve more glory than officers. The death of Gen. Kondratichenko, who with Fock and Smirnov would never have surrendered, made it possible for Stoessel to do so, for it was with the latter that the proposal to capitulate originated."

It is doubtless unjust as yet to deprive the man of the fame and glory which he so freely showered on him, but it is his own fellow countrymen who have done so.

DEFEAT OF THE RAIDERS.

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TOKIO, Jan. 14.—The commander of the Japanese garrison at Liaotung reports that the Russian cavalry force which penetrated south of Liaoyang, and which attacked Newchwang on Wednesday, was encountered and defeated near Ying-wu, the port of Newchwang, on Thursday. The Russians retreated in disorder to a point north of Takaoan and south of Newchwang. They

STOESSEL REACHES NAGASAKI.

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NAGASAKI, Jan. 14.—The transport *Kami-mura*, with Gen. Stoessel and several of the other Russian officers who fought at Port Arthur on board, arrived this morning. The officers are en route for Russia under parole.

When the transport reached port she was subjected to the strictest kind of quarantine. Following this, the officials of the port went on board, and after greeting Gen. Stoessel and the other Russians, conducted them ashore in steam launches.

On reaching shore they received a warm welcome from the people. The General, his wife, and seven of his officers were then conducted to a bungalow near the harbor where they will be quartered during their stay in Nagasaki.

JAPS USING BRITISH ISLANDS?

St. Petersburg, Heers a Naval Base Has Been Established at Labuan.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—The *Norve Vremya* publishes a despatch from Weltevreden, Java, saying that the Japanese have established a naval base at Labuan, an island and British colony on the northern coast of the island of Borneo. In order to conceal this fact, the British telegraph office there has ceased working for the last twelve days.

CZAR STILL HOPEFUL.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—The czar has issued an order of the day, addressed to the army and navy, in which he says: "Port Arthur has passed into the hands of the enemy, after a struggle that lasted eleven months, and our brave garrison sustained all the hardships and privations of the siege without complaint, and endured without a murmur all its horrors and moral tortures, determined that the enemy should gain nothing without paying dearly for it."

"My brave soldiers and sailors, let not this sorrow discourage you. The enemy is brave and strong, and it is difficult to sustain a struggle against him at a distance of 4,000 miles; but Russia is great and powerful. During her national life of 1,000 years she has given solid proofs of her ability to overcome even more serious dangers. She has withstood them, and each time has arisen from the struggle more powerful than ever and full of renewed vigor.

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Exchange of Prisoners Expected.

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TOKIO, Jan. 14.—It is reported that the authorities have consented to consider the Russian proposal for a central prisoners' information bureau. An exchange of prisoners is expected shortly.

Japan Organizing Submarine Squadron.

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TOKIO, Jan. 14.—The Navy Department formally announces that an additional squadron of submarines is being organized.

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"I place his paintings among those of the great Frenchmen that worked together in the forests of Fontainebleau, and there is a perfect accord. The old art collectors do not invite disorder into their galleries by inviting their Minor and McIlhenney."—Henri Du Bois, in *The American*.

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